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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: NIE-71: Probable Developments in Italy

1. This rather gloomy long term projection of trends in Italy has been repeatedly delayed, largely because of divergent views within the Department of State.
2. The delay was worth while, since in the end all divergences in views within and between the agencies were adjusted, without sacrificing any essential part of the estimate.
3. At the clean-up session (before which the representatives were requested to obtain the views of their superiors) complete agreement was reached. No substantial changes should, therefore, be proposed at the IAC meeting.

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